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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Communication dated November 26, 1997 in the above-identified application. A petition to extend the time for response by three months, from December 26, 1997 to March 26, 1998, together with provision for payment of the requisite fee are being filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 5, last line of the second full paragraph, after "+ Sstl site." insert - (Figure 5) --.

Page 5, third full paragraph, delete "(Figure 5)" and substitute therefor --(Figure 4) /-.